Background:
CDC continues to take aggressive action to respond to an expanding outbreak caused by novel H1N1 flu.

CDC's response goals are to:

1. Reduce transmission and illness severity, and
2. Provide information to help health care providers, public health officials and the public address the challenges posed by this emergency.

CDC continues to issue and update interim guidance daily in response to the rapidly evolving situation. CDC will issue updated interim guidance for clinicians on how to identify and care for people who are sick with novel H1N1 flu illness. This guidance will provide priorities for testing and treatment for novel H1N1 flu infection. The priority use for influenza antiviral drugs during this outbreak will be to treat people with severe flu illness.

On May 3, CDC is scheduled to complete deployment of 25 percent of the supplies in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to all states in the continental United States. These supplies and medicines will help states and U.S. territories respond to the outbreak. In addition, the Federal Government and manufacturers have begun the process of developing a vaccine against the novel H1N1 flu virus.

Response actions are aggressive, but they may vary across states and communities depending on local circumstances. Communities, businesses, places of worship, schools and individuals can all take action to slow the spread of this outbreak. People who are sick are urged to stay home from work or school and to avoid contact with others, except to seek medical care. This action can avoid spreading illness further.

Iowa Case Count Update:

One case of novel influenza A (H1N1) has been confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There are seven probable cases in Iowa as of today. IDPH is working with health care workers statewide and public health partners to identify suspected cases. Suspected cases of novel Influenza A (H1N1) should be reported.
immediately to IDPH by phone at 800-362-2736, option 3.

**IDPH ACTIONS:**

**ECC Command:** A public health emergency has been declared giving the Governor giving additional flexibility that may be needed to carry out the work of protecting the health of Iowans by allowing for several provisions, including:

- Private companies, nonprofits, and other persons and entities have immunity if IDPH asks them to assist in containing the outbreak.

- IDPH has the legal authority to purchase additional antivirals and to control, restrict, or regulate by quotas the use, sale, and distribution of all antivirals.

- IDPH has the authority to order area quarantine, including stopping individuals from attending a school or day care.

**Operations:**

- Continue coordinating with local public health and health care providers to increase surveillance.
- Continue Epi surveillance and outbreak investigations.
- Antivirals and PPE have been shipped to four counties.
- IDPH is sharing updated information regularly with local public health officials, health care providers, other state agencies, and private partners.
- Iowa Board of Pharmacy distributed health care provider call center numbers to all pharmacies across the state.
- Iowa Pharmacy Association sent health care provider call center number to all members and linked IDPH website to the IPA website.

**Media:**

- IDPH issued 2 press releases over the weekend
- 2 dozen media call over the weekend
- Des Moines Register continuing coverage
- IDPH currently on Twitter providing updates

**Planning:**

- Long term forecasting for confirmation of additional cases
- Working on short and long term incident action

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**Current U.S. Case Counts**

Source: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

As of 5-4-09 cases confirmed by CDC 286 with 1 death (child)

- Alabama (4 cases)
- Arizona (17 cases)
- California (30 cases)
- Colorado (7 cases)
- Connecticut (2 cases)
- Delaware (20 cases)
- Florida (5 cases)
- Idaho (1 case)
- Illinois (8 cases)
- Indiana (3 cases)
- Iowa (1 case)
- Kansas (2 cases)
- Kentucky (1 cases)
- Louisiana (14 cases)
- Maryland (4 cases)
- Massachusetts (6 cases)
- Michigan (2 cases)
- Minnesota (1 cases)
- Missouri (1 case)
- Nebraska (1 cases)
- Nevada (1 case)
- New Hampshire (1 case)
- New Jersey (7 cases)
- New Mexico (1 case)
- New York (73 cases)
- North Carolina (1 case)
- Ohio (3 cases)
- Oregon (3 cases)
- Pennsylvania (1 case)
- Rhode Island (1 case)
- South Carolina (15 cases)
- Tennessee (1 case)
- Texas (41 cases) (1 death)
- Utah (1 case)
- Virginia (3 cases)
- Wisconsin (3 cases)
plans

Logistics:
• Providing ongoing support to Operations Unit to transport products to affected counties.
• Developing ongoing response staffing patterns.
• HLSEM now located in the ECC
• Continuing to arrange conference calls with local partners and local public health and hospitals

Finance:
• Process timesheets recording response work time
• Financial documentation associated with response continues.
• Developed guidelines for employees to report time

UHL:
• Specimens continue to be tested

SIP
• Fielding questions from international business.
• Coordinating media questions through communications unit
• Answering specific calls from businesses

Current International Case Counts
Source: www.who.int/en/
As of 5-4-09, 20 countries including the US, have officially reported 985 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.
• Mexico (590 cases) (25 deaths)
• Austria (1 case)
• Canada (85 cases)
• China, Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region (1 cases)
• Costa Rica (1 case)
• Columbia (1 cases)
• Denmark (1 cases)
• El Salvador (2 cases)
• France (2 cases)
• Germany (8 cases)
• Ireland (1 case)
• Israel (3 cases)
• Italy (1 case)
• Netherlands (1 case)
• New Zealand (4 cases)
• Republic of Korea (1 case)
• Spain (40 cases)
• Switzerland (1 case)
• United Kingdom (15 cases)

Daily Call Center Calls:

Public Call Center
1-800-447-1985
Friday: 196
Saturday: 116
Sunday: 110

Health Care Call Center
1-866-282-5815
Friday: 41
Weekend: 4